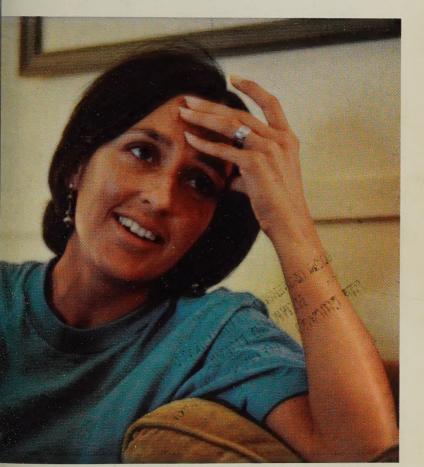
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JAN BAE



"Now isn't this typical?" she greeted us with a smile, as patted her restless baby son in her arms, "Yesterday ien nobody was here he was lovely and today when we we visitore he'r owing."

ve visitors he's crying." She embraced Diana, shook my hand, and acknowledged

r aunt as the three of us entered.

In her dark dungarees, loose-fitting T-shirt, bare feet, no ake-up, and dangling earrings, Joan Baez Harris looked very uch at home, and very feminine.

"Have you eaten?" she asked. It was just past noon and

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the rush of the bus ride to Palo Alto, a tour of several in town, and the long, winding ride up to this home Struggle Mountain, we had not eaten.

'I don't have much on hand. But how about some tea

I maybe some cottage cheese?"

'Fine," we approved.

'Just look around while I fix it."

Already I felt at ease. For Diana it was a reunion with anie"—as she's known among her closest friends—for ma has been photographing her favorite folksinger ever ce that long-haired, 18-year-old "Joan of Arc" took the singing world by storm at the Newport Folk Festival in 59. Also Diana had once helped in the church in New k City where Joan's late paternal grandfather had been a thodist minister.

And we were both quick to see hanging in a prominent ce in the living room an enlargement of Diana's photo Joanie and her husband, David, taken before he started ving his three-year prison sentence at La Tuna in Texas

draft refusal and resistance organizing.

'It's a favorite of ours," Joan beamed her compliment to

ana. "It's sort of romantic!"

Noticeable on other walls were three modern paintings. 'David did them," Joan said. "He never was much of artist before, but since he's been in jail he's been doing

se, which I think are very skilled. We hope eventually en we get enough of them to have an exhibit."

His painting hanging in the bathroom was obviously his hightful portrayal of his wife during full pregnancy. The hanging in the kitchen showed a green-skinned old man

axing on a park bench.

That man in the painting has a striking likeness to David's ner," Joan noted with a sparkle, "but since everybody ept David's father noticed it, it seems to be all right." You drew the illustration on the jacket of David's Aln," I observed. "Do you still draw?"

David and I both do," she responded. "When they ted censoring his mail, we decided we'd do cartoons ask and forth. I have tons of stuff I've sent to him in

toon form." (see back cover.)

Your book, *Daybreak*, was a unique reading experience," aid sincerely. "And your statements on the jackets of

h recent albums are very poetic."

Thank you," then she hesitated. "You see, I'm very conscious about my writing, because I feel it's very at and very simple. I could never pretend to be anything



"The Indian said, 'Freedom is not a question of whether there are bars or not. You imprison yourself on the outside or you

e, but I feel that I should go beyond that and I know in ting I can't. I'm a sort of Grandma Moses writer."

The baby was still crying.

Maybe if I nurse him, he'll be quiet when we talk."

Where did you get the name Gabriel?" Diana asked.

'David thought it up. He's done all the naming of the ums and books and the baby. We found out afterwards briel means 'man of God,' and I like that."

Diana and I looked around the house. The decor inside s a mixture of modern and old Spanish, yet unostentatious. e view of the valley below through a picture window re-

nded me of the trip up.

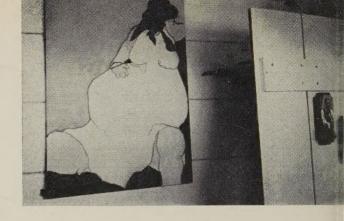
foan's aunt, and her private secretary, Pauline Henderson, was "Tia," had met us at the bus station. We had pped at a house in Palo Alto which was being remodeled a research and lecture center for the Institute for the dy of Non-violence which Joan had started in Carmel lley in 1965 with the help of Ira Sandperl. It had moved Palo Alto in 1968. The in-town center was for the contience of students from the local high school and from nford University. As we left town and drove up the ading macadam road, Mrs. Henderson pointed out a d into a small side valley that led to a retreat center for Institute where week-end, and longer, seminars are d. The Institute staff has grown from two to 25. I jotted we had the address: Institute for the Study of Non-violence, x 1001, Palo Alto, Calif., 94302.

commented to Mrs. Henderson on the beauty and the

lusion of this mountainside.

Joanie is high enough at her place to be above the smog 3," she observed. "In fact, when they go into the valley, y talk about going back down to earth. But some of admirers, when they're determined, are able to find place." And she told of two recent individual visitors o were both freaked out on drugs and rather threatening. In was able to calmly persuade one of them to let her ve him to the hospital, but she needed the help of a ghboring couple to handle the other one. And then Mrs. Inderson added, "By the way, don't be surprised if you the couple who live next door to Joanie walking around sed, for they have a very free spirit about this, especially ce it is so secluded up there."

Soon we turned off the main road onto a dirt road and n into a clearing surrounded by a big house, a tool d, and a long cottage-like building, with a corrugated tal roof, stained glass in one of its row of windows, and



bushes and gay flowers alongside. In the big house live to eight Institute personnel. In the barn is a printing p And in the modest cottage waited Mrs. David Harriss

her son, Grabriel.

"That's where Robert and Christi live," Mrs. Hended pointed to the end of the cottage where remodeling going on. "They just had a baby, too. They're fixing that section which was once a garage. They give Jocompany and help when she needs it."

Robert was working outside . . . fully clothed.

After Joan had finished burping Gabriel, and even I my hand at it, Mrs. Henderson offered to take him out. In the meantime, Diana had asked if Joan would lead to the play her guitar.

"Sure. Go ahead."

Diana was in another world as she strummed and hum

It was appropriate background music.

It seemed natural to start our discussion with Joan's mitment to non-violence—the subject which has made most controversial, certainly much misunderstood, and ye spected, and perhaps even prophetic.

"Violence seems to be on the increase," I opened.

do you still feel there's hope in non-violence?"

"First of all, most people have no concept of what violence means," she responded quickly, but thought "It's a poor word to use, because it conjures up a l different images for different people. To some it means what King did some it means tactics you use in the street if you can't be with the street if you can't be a some it means tactics you use in the street if you can't be with the street if you can't be wi

something better. To some it means cowardice. To some means passivity—that you don't do anything. To me, n-violence means searching for alternatives to what exists w in our personal lives, in our society, and in our world I of nation-states.

"Every time someone is shot—no matter whether he's ht wing, left wing, center, black, or white—it proves what have felt from the start—that violence begets violence. e more violence you do, the more you're going to have ming back in your face, or in somebody else's face.

"The discouraging thing—and why people get discoured—is that they feel they don't have the patience or the te to look for that other alternative. For billions of years,

"The discouraging thing—and why people get discoured—is that they feel they don't have the patience or the ne to look for that other alternative. For billions of years, dence has always been resorted to—it's easier. Very few ople have the stamina to try alternatives like Gandhi did. "For all the criticisms of Gandhi, at least he attempted to ht in a different fashion. What he was saying is that are are two sides to human nature. One side is destructive, patient, visceral, and stupid, and the other side is open, ing, trustful, and intelligent. Why not organize this ter half? And that's all I'm saying.

"But what has happened is that it's always been much sier to be stupid and simply react emotionally rather than think and act intelligently. It's much easier to be blind

her than to see what's really going on.

"And so, each time a leader is assassinated, or a place burned, or a protestor is killed, some people say, 'Oh, I fool! Can't you see that there's no other way—that n-violence doesn't work?' That's really a meaningless statent, because non-violence has never really been tried that Ich. When it is tried—when people attempt to be open, be trusting, to see other people as human beings, rather in categorizing, them as 'pigs' or 'hippies' or 'commies' I see non-violence works.

The catch is what do you mean by working. Some peoare so anxious for something to happen overnight or a two-week period, otherwise, they get desperate. Over years, people have gotten righteous about one violence another. A few years ago some were righteous about ael's right to use violence. And now some are righteous but the Black Panther's right to use violence. Everybody his own pet violence, and it's easy to understand why

ch person has resorted each time to violence.

But what is much more difficult to do, and what has be done, is that you and I have to form alternatives so it nobody has to end up resorting to starving to death

you and I have "What has to be done is that 'ives so that nobody has to en or feeling that they have to shoot somebody."

She paused momentarily, as she curled her feet up under

herself in a relaxed way.

"What are some of our alternatives?" In an effort to explore this, I began, "If we humans have two natures—the

aggressive nature and the loving nature. . . . "

"Actually," she interrupted, "I would put it differently—people have a passive side and a loving side. I wish more people were aggressive, not passive. I think a much bigger problem in our society than aggressiveness is the passivity that allows people to be led from one war to another one, or from one idea to the next, without their ever feeling that they can assert themselves. It's this passivity that allows 37 or more people in New York City to stand by and watch a woman get killed. It's this passivity that comes from their thinking somebody else will take care of it, or 'I'm not capable of doing anything.' We stand by and let it happen. It's the passivity that allows young men to go out and kill people. But they have to be trained to be aggressive—to stand up for what they believe in."

"And to me this passivity has to do with the way we're all brought up. What really seems to happen to an individual, for example, in the public school system is that they're taught that they really can't do much beyond a certain point. The school defines what that point is for you, even to giving you examinations that say—well, my sister was supposed to be a tree surgeon, then a jet pilot, and then a farmer. They really define what you can and cannot do. By the time a kid graduates from high school, there's very little he feels he can do, and beyond that point you're in

the position to have to take orders from somebody."

I responded, summarizing more than questioning. "The feeling that I can do something to help someone then is part of this loving nature in each of us. And aggressiveness—as you see it—is not necessarily a negative thing."

"Exactly" she said. "And we've learned to think of agressiveness as negative because we see only the two alternatives—either you do nothing or you be violent. I think there is a third alternative, such as non-violent action. And with any example that I could give, you're risking your neck. I happen to think you have a better chance of staying alive in non-violent warfare than in violent warfare, because that's what statistics say. But that's not really why I'm in it."

"In your book, you talk about loving your enemy while at the same time confronting his evil." Feeling this concept basic to understanding non-violence, I asked her to elaborate. 'It's much easier to get hung up on hating your enemy,' began. "But when you hate your enemy, you forget the t that his evil and your evil are then the same one, which is up your being willing to destroy him as fast as he's ling to destroy you, thus completing the vicious circle 're in.

"But I think it is possible to look at the wretchedness what a man does with his life and separate that from fact that his life is still sacred, in spite of his wretcheds. This then puts you in a position to have to work der, because your job then becomes one of non-aggresand of avoiding destroying him as a human being but destroying the evil that he's involved in. And that means have to help him do it. And that gets very difficult, ecially when you start shouting 'pig' at somebody, or en you see a person beating up somebody. But confront a man's evil while respecting the sacredness of his life one of the ways where you really have to push yourself see it and do it."

How do you determine the fine line between being viot and being non-violent?" I asked. "Some people accuse effists of being so belligerent that they defeat their own use by the very style or method they go about achieving ir cause."

A lot of time," she confessed, "David and I are accused that . . . and rightly so. Sometimes you just get impatient why doesn't this catch on?—and you put somebody down. Sently in a foreign press conference, there was this East



Indian who became hostile and I was just as hostile back. Then I realized this was stupid thing to do. If I can't be more creative than that, I've lost that round. And so, you just go on trying. But there aren't many pacifists I know who are accused of being too belligerent.

"What one believes has to be in every phase of one's life. Obviously, all of us live with contradictions 24 hours a day and you try to find your own living level where it makes sense to you. . . . Because one's vision has to be so wide even to begin to comprehend possible new directions, that's why it's so hard to find non-violent alternatives.

"Like a revolution on campus where you're fighting over who's going to run the office. That, to me, is very shortsighted. It's understandable that people should get griped with the school system because it stinks, but it's short-sighted not to see beyond what you're doing when you start burning down buildings, shouting down speakers, and picking the policeman, of all people, to be your enemy."
"What would be your alternative?"

"To go out and to start a real school. Originally the word school came from the Greek scholé which meant "leisure" and from the Latin schola which meant "leisure devoted to learning." Now you and I know that not everybody is going to have that kind of leisure to investigate life and to find out everything for themselves, but it certainly would be directly opposite from what school means today. In school you're now pressured into learning a certain amount of stuff, cramming for it, spitting it back, and then, for the most part, forgetting everything you learned-unless, of course, you happen to have a really good teacher.

"My feelings about schools is to make the most of that good teacher you really like. And there are some in every school. He's the guy, or gal, whom kids really dig and usually because that person's life comes through to the kids. He's never a phony. The teacher they pick as their favorite is never a person who lives on two levels-teaches them one thing and goes out and does another. It's somebody who

has something real.

"What I remember of high school is one teacher like that whom we nabbed and said, 'Would you meet with us once a week so we can talk about real things? We don't have to be graded on it.' And he did. Those are the only things that I really remember. And I mean that students should seriously think about doing that and trying to organize it so that the people you feel you can learn from in an organized way would be able to teach you."

"In other words, the alternatives to fighting against someng is trying to establish by example what you're fighting

"You have to be what you're fighting for."

Yes."

"You see, to me, the real question is always going beyond this to ask what are we going to do with our lives that kes sense for ourselves and for the rest of this rapidly teriorating world? What are we going to do with our ily lives that keeps us sane, that keeps us from blowing the world, that keeps us from dying from air pollution? iously, what are we going to do? And colleges and high tools do not deal with that. They can't. They're too the tied up with the nation-state. The nation-state doesn't to busy destroying it. And the two things don't go rether."

'So many people say, 'What's the use? We don't have

ough time!'" I echoed what I often hear.

That's perfectly understandable. What's amazing to me the way that the threat of the Bomb has now been so npletely buried in our subconscious that people don't m talk about it anymore. But I'm convinced that it's tivating a lot of kids to do what they're doing."

"It's still there."

"Sure. There are enough other threats like knowing you're rathing bad air, like knowing the draft is on your back, it underneath is the feeling of 'what's the point of going?" And I know that feeling is in everybody now, because 're all living in the Bomb generation. And so I would that I don't see very much chance for the human race viving, but I do see some chance. And probably even I didn't, I would go on doing what I am doing."

"Why?"

"Because it's the only way it's any fun. Being able to act what you really feel to be right or decent or open—that's nat makes it fun!"

'So many ask, 'But what can I-one human being-do

out all of this?"

"There are many answers to that but all of them end uping useless, again because you are being convinced you it do anything. It's a trap to say 'What can I do?' Take five-year-old. He says, 'When I grow up I'm going to rica, I'm going to talk 25 languages, take pictures, and ve an airplane.' And I'm convinced that that child could every single thing that he said he could do if nobody













nusic of Joan Baez has always been a moving, personal extension of who she is as man being. Reared in a Quaker family (above she sings with her sister, Mimi), vas one of the earliest to sense the prophecy of Bob Dylan's lyrics, she formed institute for the Study of Non-violence in 1965 with the help of Ira Sandperlow right), and she married David Harris, a non-violent leader of the draft ance movement. Writing to David in prison, she said, "I see the birth of a revolution, if our weapon remains the power of love . . . and if we keep doing the day at a time. . . ."



tried to stop him. Now I'm going to move a mountain when I grow up. Well, you know perfectly well that's possible. And so, I think that each of us has a potential to do a hundred thousand times beyond what we think we can do each day when we get up."

"Right."

"But the question is how do you make the breakthrough? The secret is a question of vision—that when you begin to see things more clearly, then the steps you take don't appear to be giant steps anymore. They seem to be what you do

when you get out of bed every day.

"For example, once when David and I were talking to a group in Colorado, we knew that there was enough nerve gas stored in the nearby Rocky Mountains to kill the population of the world 30 times over. We told the people this and one lady raised her hand and said, 'No, no! They've moved that to Arizona.' You see, each of us manages to find all different ways to block off the vision. But if anyone saw for real what the existence of that gas meant, no matter where it was located, maybe they would be doing very, very different things.

"For each person, it means saying, 'I can do much more than I think I can do' and then finding those things where your life has some meaning. In this society, that's difficult." "Some high school youth," I observed, "feel you can find

meaning by doing your own thing—a sort of privatism.

How do you respond to this?"

"I think in this century it gets very difficult to find what your own thing means. I hear that term mostly in the music world. 'Hey, leave me alone, madam. Just let me do my own thing.' I don't think it's possible to do your own thing when the rest of humanity is hungry, all shot up, and bleeding. No matter how hard you try not to, you still are involved. Like in the U.S. economy, even if you grow your own food and make all your own clothes, you're still connected with America. And then to me spiritually you're still connected with your brothers, although that puts a moralistic sound to it, so I don't use that."

"Do you consider yourself religious?"

"Yeah, I do. I don't go to church, but I don't think that has anything to do with it. In some sense, my Quaker background left a sort of a pleasant residue. The Quakers say there's that of God in every man. I'm willing to use the word God. As a student, I once had abandoned it. I was going to be the great atheist of all times, because I was hanging around Harvard, and it was such a chic thing

do. And then I realized that it didn't make any sense to at all. But even when I had abandoned the word God, as still saying there is that of good in every man, which he same thing."

As a young person is growing up, what character ideals

you think he should strive for most?"

I think what you should do is look around for somely—or an example—who makes sense to you. If it's Jesus, d. Or you could pick somebody you know who has a it in his eyes and you really dig him. Try to get some es from that person. What makes life fun for him? What is the sparkle in his eyes and the bounce in his walk? at keeps him or her from shuffling and being blue? Then to figure what that is, because that person probably has nething to offer you."

Diana moved quietly taking photos of Joan from all angles.



Joan spoke in a soft, sincere voice, her answers animated by lively hand gestures. Always thoughtful.

"Is there any evidence that non-violence is making any

progress as a process?" I asked.

"It's not the direction that society is headed at all. Non-violence has never been popular because it's much too difficult to have been a fad. But my pet example for something that I see as a thrust in a creative direction and in making noteworthy changes in the last four years would be the Resistance movement to the draft. It started with three people five years ago and now hundreds refuse to be drafted and are going to jail rather than cooperate with a system that they feel is dehumanizing. The numbers are minute but they're countable and it is growing. This is a non-violent alternative at work."

"By resisting the draft," I asked, "what alternatives are

being suggested?"

"Again that depends on your vision. Some people would be happy if the draft were temporarily eliminated. Other people—whom I think see farther—won't be happy as long as armies exist. My vision has to extend that far, because as long as any army exists—whether it is mercenary, which is David's word for volunteer, or it is inducted—there are going to be people killing each other."

"Is there any hope through the United Nations?"

"I think people cannot co-exist with nations. We're going to have to come up with something different than nations. One of the main problems is that there are these many righteous plots of land, known as nation-states, that take priority over everybody's life all over the world. And I think that if people begin to put the priority on human life rather than on land, then the nation-state as a concept and as a reality would be forced to disintegrate. We've got to come up with something that makes more sense than the nation-state and do it without smashing them, because that involves killing more people.

"Nations cannot co-exist with people, because you have to make a choice. When you're 18, the choice is very clear—you either stand for human life everywhere or you stand for all the words—"democracy," if you live there, or "communism," if you live there. It's your flag and your mother country that has your first loyalty and that means you're

willing to kill for something."

"From my counseling with youth," I noted, "I find some who are not fully equipped at 18 to handle such a decision."

"Absolutely. I agree with you. I think it is everybody's

Ity to help a man figure out what it is he can do and en respect his decision what he chooses. If somebody ally wanted to be a Marine, I would have to respect his ecision in the sense that I wouldn't want to humiliate him. would argue with him to the last breath that I didn't agree ith what he was doing, but I wouldn't take his life away om him because I thought he had made a bad decision. think that for somebody who cannot decide, or who really els he couldn't take jail, it would be stupid for him to tempt it and for anybody else to try to put him in a posim where he feels he should go to jail. People feel demanized enough without your making them feel more tilty for what ever their decision has been. I think a man us to be respected for searching himself and doing what he dows he's capable of doing."

"Referring to your husband, some have asked, 'Isn't it

rally a waste of a great man for him to go to jail?"
"First of all, that's not how you make your decision. The purpose of the point of

the last minute. But it isn't that way."

"David has been in prison almost a year. The time is ally flying by. And the healthiest approach to prison I've en was a husband and wife in their 70's from India who id worked a lot with Gandhi. In a discussion at the Initute, a young man said that jail was a waste of time and terrible thing, especially for a young person." And then litating the broken, broad British accent of the elderly dian in his answer, Joan Baez continued, "'Oh, for heaven's ke, you're alive one place or another. You imprison your-If on the outside or you imprison yourself on the inside. reedom is not a question of whether there are bars or it, you know.' And I asked the woman, 'Were you ever prison?' And she answered, 'Oh ves. I was for seven ears in 1940 and then for three years later.' You know, meant nothing for them because they had bigger things worry about. Well, the way David says, 'If you can iswer the question of who you are and not where you are, en vou're safe.'

"Obviously, there are things about prison that are a drag. mean, it just gets to be a bore, and in some parts of the

country for different reasons, prison is barbaric. David we probably never be beaten to death in prison because they too afraid his little wifey will go out and tell it on the John Carson Show. So he's protected in that sense. Most drapeople I know have not been beaten. A lot has to do view your approach to the guards.

"You know, jails are a part of America. That is one the things David wanted to see inside. People should know prisoned about them and that they exist. They should know prisoned are beaten to death on occasion, often depending on the color. And prisoners are being forgotten—like David most got himself into another strike at LaTuna prison because a man across from him was throwing up all night and guard was paying any attention. You don't know if the rest is dying or just ate something bad. David started rattling the bars. As it turned out, there was one sweet guard was

came in on his own to help the man."

"Hi, Mom!" Joan interrupted as a woman entered, who I guessed was her mother even before she greeted he Dark-tanned and sandaled, she was a woman whom at fift glance I saw to be sturdy of body, keen-minded, and get uine. This was the mother who nursed Joan through he years of fear. I wished more than ever to meet Joan's fath. He is currently a consultant for UNESCO and for Encycle pedia Britannica Films, plus a summer physics teacher Harvard, and author of a physics textbook. Joan's father Mexican-born and her mother, born in Scotland, is the Ellish daughter of an Episcopal minister. Joan was born Staten Island, but the family moved a lot in her childhood. "What do you remember most about your teens?"

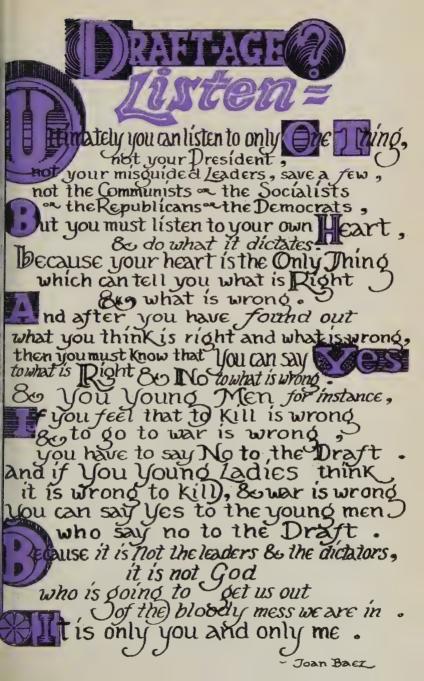
"Oh God! I was skinny and had pimples. They we not the best years of my life. They were very neuro very phobic, very insecure. And I wanted to stay close

home and not have to go out and face the world."

"I sensed that in your book. Do you get this kind!

tenseness yet when you perform?"

"Sometimes, yeah. Now this last tour before the bewas born was really nice because I had people with I And when I have someone with me, I don't go through that stage fright, or very seldom do. But I never ever higotten as uptight as I used to be in my teens and I kn a lot of that is due to the amount of time I have spent therapy. I mean taking it, grappling with it, and look at it. And I don't think I'll ever have to be that sick age. When I get really down, the same old phobias pop but I can deal with them now."



"Do you do a lot of singing when you're not performing?" "It's very funny. When I'm on tour I sing and sing and sing and then get home from a concert and sing for six hours by myself. But when I come back here from a tour, I put the guitar away and I haven't played it in months. My fingers have all gotten soft and I've grown fingernails about three-fourth of an inch. And I don't play. On July 19, I start a tour in Europe. Probably about July 15 I'll just pick up that guitar and go frantic trying to learn some new songs and get callouses back on my fingers. I don't know what that is. I love singing, but I just don't do it much."

"What were your reactions to Woodstock?"

"Woodstock was a beautiful chaos and it was obvious to everybody—whatever kind of revolutionary you wanted to be-that some revolutionary things happened at Woodstock out of the people's necessity. And you have to deal with a very strange situation. And what was beautiful about it was that it could possibly give a frantic, chaotic idea of an alternative to what we do with our daily lives. People had to care for each other or they would really have been in bad shape. And a sharing began to take place which I've never seen anywhere.

"The most beautiful thing to me-because of the stigma about policemen which I always try to fight-was those New York policemen going against the orders of their police chief, putting on their red sweatshirts, coming out there, building bonfires, and cooking food for anybody. Our entertainers division had an excess of food. And this one guy was over there rigging up things to cook our excess sausages and eggs on for anybody. He was sweating constantly. He looked exhausted and I couldn't figure it out. Afterwards somebody told me he was a cop. And I thought, of course. You give a guy something decent to do and he's going to break his neck to make up for all the time he may have felt he wasted being indecent. It was really amazing."

"One criticism we've heard is the widespread use of drugs at Woodstock. How do you feel about this-both at Wood-

stock and the drug scene generally?"

"Well, I've always felt in a bad position to talk about drugs because I don't take drugs, and, therefore, I don't think the kids would particularly want to listen to what I have to say about drugs, simply because I haven't experienced it, I'm nothing but one more authoritarian voice telling them what I think.

"What I do think, though, is that when you and I create a more interesting alternative way of living, people aren't



ng to have to resort to constantly being on another trip. Now I don't know which trips are dangerous and which n't. I know that I've met a lot of people who probably e close to schizophrenic to begin with but have made split after taking so many drugs that I don't think they be recalled to sanity. And that kind of drug-taking lly frightens me. And I'm exposed to it, because a lot these people come to me for I don't know what all. they show up here. And the drugs scare me. But I'm olutely against the idea of banning them. I mean the drug blem is much, much deeper than making them impossible get, which means again that we have to find alternatives

people's lives."

ust then as Tia entered with a sleeping Gabriel, a big ite dog bounded in through the open door to Joan. It is Moondog, David's pet Samoyed. Joan patted him.

How do you feel about the change in the kind of music

i're singing and your future directions?"

Well, I'd say, that the directions I've grown—like deing to get married, marrying David, and having David's by—have just given me a whole new realm of everything, luding music, because I'm some strange kind of purist. The that whatever I sing must have some meaning to personally—some relationship to what I do—which

ant that a few years ago I wouldn't have felt right some-

how about putting out a country-and-western album. For example, I tried to make a rock and roll album. I felt since I'm a musician, I can do whatever I want. I made the rock and roll album and it stank. It wasn't good at all. We put it in the freezer is what it's called. And it's because it wasn't relating to my life.

"It wasn't real to you."

"No, it wasn't. But just because country and western happens to be David's favorite music—boom—then came David's Album and another one after that. Now I'll probably try to do a lullaby album. I think it would be imaginative. You have to grow from inside."

"Who are some of your favorites in the music world?" "Favorites change. Recently, I've been addicted to the music of a fellow named Van Morrison. He's been underground, until recently. And he's the closest thing to jazz I've ever liked, but he's more. There's no way to describe

I've ever liked, but he's more. There's no way to describe him. He's his own guy. I really am crazy about Joe Cocker and I'll always be fond of Dylan's music, and a few others."

"Who are the best song writers today?"

"To me, Dylan always shines way far above anybody I've heard. And I think the Beatles do some nice stuff, like that song, 'Let It Be,' is beautiful."

"What do you find hardest about being in the limelight

and a public image?"

"Forgetting that you are. That would be the hardest, because it's pointless to allow yourself to get carried away with that kind of thing, and it's very hard not to."

"Do you get much fan mail?"

"My aunt can answer that better. It comes to her. My mother does a lot of the more personal kinds of fan mail. They both write beautifully. I like to have fan mail handled in some kind of human way—not stamped out impersonally by a secretary."

I shuffled through my list of questions, but although I had more to ask, I hesitated to impose any further on Joan's hospitality. Besides, Diana wanted a few shots of her out-

side the cottage.

As she walked out, Joan offered me an apple and we joked about the dogs swarming around her. Diana snapped her camera madly. And then Joan waved good-by and we left.

The open fields, the heavily-foliaged woods, the mountain view of the valley below, the fresh air—all seemed to crv out for a time for tranquility, for thinking big thoughts, and for dreaming visions. It was inspiring! But we had to leave Struggle Mountain and get "back down to earth."





meditations on a t

Look at that traffic jam. How come every day a million humans have to be shoved through these narrow lanes and jammed into a city sardine can They treat cattle better for roundup in their corrals. Why do the silent citizens put up with

God, there's something wrong here.

Smell that stink from the factories. What is doing to our insides? A baby's future? A grandfather's life? How many weak-lunged per will gasp out their last today because they breat polluted air? A London smog killed thousands in 1952. And this is 1970!

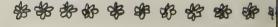
O, God, there's something awfully wrong here.

Hear that sob in the throat of the pretty you girl saying an airport farewell to a husband off to war. Does she know down deep that it will be a last goodbye? And can you hear, too, the crof the peasant woman whose village that soldies will be told to burn down because it is a Pinkvision some general's map?

O, Lord, there's something terribly wrong here.

Taste that colored water and greasy chips the black child eats today at the corner store. Welf diets don't make for smorgasbords. And dieticiwrite for people who read books in front of fireplaces on the Main Line.

God, there's something wrong, wrong here.







ok, there's a Stockholm travel poster. No cars center city? Space to walk, time to talk, smiling es? Just a come-on for the tourists.

, God, there may be something right here.

ell those flowers? And is that incense curing bugh the door of the coffee house? I see a rdow sign that says, 'Come tonight. Save city. Fight pollution. Speakers from the tresity, the church, the garden club, S.D.S.'

d, there's something right going on here.

far that clapping and singing? "All we are sing is give peace a chance." The crowd is ting on a bus, long hair, short hair swinger square. There's a placard—"MORATORIUM.

d, there's something right happening here.

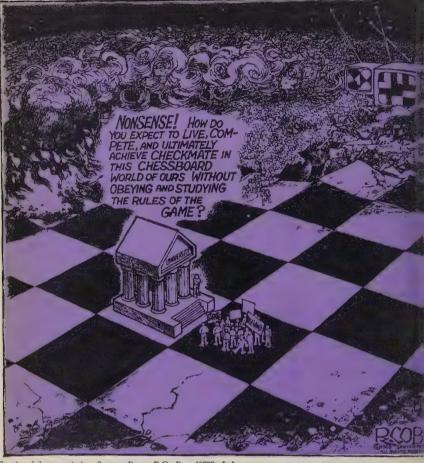
te that hot chocolate! It's what the kids on North Side are having for breakfast today, me churchwomen and some had-it-up-to-here cks got together to make hot food for kids on way to school every day. Not much when realize how backward and broken-down the col is they're headed for. And if they make hrough, is there a human job waiting for them do? But I hear those mothers and militants re plans for more than meals. Watch out, they whow to get things done!

d, there's something good going here.

ink God, in the midst of the mess. You are and well and living in the city.

be it!





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SPENCER COXE/In a time of violent unrest and divisive forces within country, I'd like to make a case for bringing about the needed changes our society by non-violent, legal processes. We can both improve the lity of life for ALL people while strengthening the very meaning and ver of the law upon which the nation is built.

et's begin first with what obedience to the law means. Nobody really eves the law should be obeyed at all times and in all circumstances. you, for example, think that the abolitionists and other kind-hearted sons who helped slaves escape to Canada were "wrong"? Yet in the rs immediately before the Civil War it was the law that runaway es found in the North must be returned, and those who helped them their way to Canada were committing a crime. Or were certain Jews ditler's Europe "right" when they co-operated with Nazi law in their destruction? Hitler's extermination of the Jews was made easier ause many of the Jews of Central Europe, educated to respect "lawful nority", went peacefully. Some leaders furnished lists and encouraged dience. Today even the strongest law-and-order man will not argue it was morally wrong for the abolitionists to break the law, or morally the for the Jews to obey it. Can anyone deny that there are occasions in the law ought to be defied?





"You wouldn't be allowed to dissen in Russia, so quit complaining abou America before we pass laws makini it illega!!"

On the other hand, if people felt NO obligation to obey the law, ciety could not exist. This is so clear that no examples are needed, it appears that "obedience to the law" is a valuable principle, but times must give way before even greater values. The hardest choin life are not between good and evil, but between good and better.

It is not my purpose in this article to answer the question—"Whe it morally right to disobey the law?" Or at most I'll answer it indire I have raised it merely to illustrate that the question of obedience to is not so simple as the law-and-order boys try to make it seem. For this like me who want a radical and rapid change in our society, law does deserve unfailing respect. But neither is "law" a dirty word. Radicals, establishment types, can make the law work for them, and should assume that the processes of the law are hopelessly stacked against the

By "law" I mean the United States Constitution, the state constituted the system of state and federal statutes, the principles of common and the court system. (I do not include the regulations of administrated agencies and the rules of bureaucracies in this definition.) Of comuch of this legal system is repressive, corrupt, out-of-date, unfair, inefficient. That is why I don't believe that "the law" is worthy of lobedience. But I think that the basic law—the U.S. Constitution—

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very concept of the rule of law are as great and as necessary for the

I life today as they were 200 years ago.

ne Bill of Rights section of the Constitution safeguards the individual nst the tyranny of the government and of other people. For example, First Amendment guarantees you the right to read this article, which itical of the government. In many countries this article couldn't even published. The First Amendment also prevents the religious majority our community from forcing you to attend its services of worship in ic school. Other amendments guarantee fair procedures at a trial; rwise, a person could be found guilty and punished by "majority "—as happened in Southern lynchings 30 years ago—and to Christ years ago. Other parts of the Constitution forbid any state to deny the right to vote on the basis of race.

lese rights and many others are rights of individuals AGAINST the govnent. The Constitution thus sets aside certain parts of our lives from rol or decision-making by the government or by "the majority." Deracy is not the same as freedom. Democracy guarantees a governt responsive to the majority; freedom limits the control of government

the individual. The Constitution is designed to guarantee both de-

racy and freedom.

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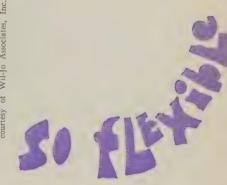
Radicals may be correct in saying that the law is not adequate to grantee governmental responsiveness to the wishes and needs of all people—that the law does not fully safeguard democracy. But the who plan to sweep aside all the laws in their seizure of political power also threatening to destroy the guarantees of freedom. If they succeed they may establish a more nearly democratic society (temporarily), it will be a democratic tyranny, which is worse than what we have made and in a few years the loss of freedom will also bring about the loss

democracy.

The big question today is whether or not those who hold power will linquish some of their control peaceably, to meet the legitimate dema of the oppressed groups, such as non-whites, draftees, and youth. If we can have a peaceful revolution; if not, our revolution will be vicil. A peaceful revolution can take place within the framework of the C stitution; a violent revolution will sweep aside the Constitution. It is article of Communist faith that those in power never relinquish it with a struggle, hence the inevitability of violence. (Mao Tse-Tung says pogrows out of the mouth of a gun.) History has not borne out the Madogma that drastic shifts in power can take place only through violent The history of England teaches the contrary.



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tide is running our way. Any time outh will be declared illegal."

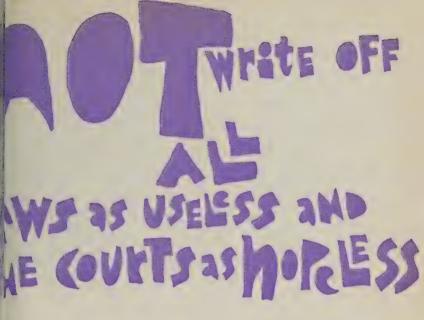
is an element of MY faith that America can have its new revolution nout violence BECAUSE OUR BASIC LAW IS SO FLEXIBLE. Let illustrate how much can be changed by use of the Constitution rather by ignoring or defying the law. My illustrations are drawn mainly from experience as director of the American Civil Liberties Union office in adelphia. These examples won't be particularly unusual or dramatic. et me begin with an item of particular interest to youth. In Septem-1969, Peter Cirker, a student at the Henderson High School in West ester, near Philadelphia, was told that he could not attend school until got his hair cut. With the help of ACLU, Peter took his case to court, the judge upheld his lawyer's argument that the school had no power er the law to impose ITS standards on the length of his hair. Peter, any other student at that school, may now wear his hair as he chooses, recently the school abolished its "dress code" altogether. Although Cirker decision is not binding outside Chester County, many schools 'ennsylvania see the handwriting on the wall and have abandoned enement of dress and grooming codes. Here a courageous boy sucded in making the law and the courts work for him and achieved a ory that significantly curbed arbitrary exercise of school power over ide geographical area. Peter Cirker was not alone, of course. Dozens



of young men in the area had protested, and many had been suspen Some had won their point without going to court; others had given the struggle. Collectively, these students, using a combination of obedience to unlawful regulations and appeal to the law, are on the to assuring their legal rights.

The civil rights struggle of the 1950's is another example. On a mendous scale, non-whites undertook massive defiance of unconstitut laws, joining this defiance with use of the federal courts. They were operating OUTSIDE the system; they rightly insisted that they were obe the supreme law of the land. Through the defiance of unlawful auth and through use of the courts, they have swept away most of the "leframework of segregation in employment, education, voting rights, p accomodations, and trial by jury.

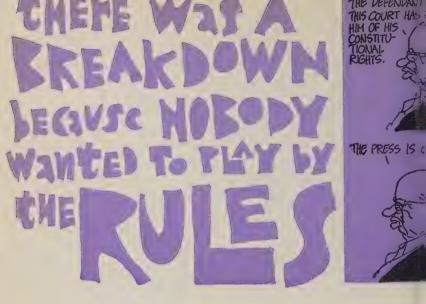
Of course, the result has been a disappointment to many of us failed to realize the power of massive resistance, but do not under mate the importance of the accomplishment. Despite all the brave gregationist talk of judicial tyranny, segregation lost much of its rand popular basis when it lost its legal basis. Recently even the Govern of Mississippi counseled compliance with the Supreme Court's ruling school desegregation. Respect for law is not without power.



nese two examples involve people who have been forced to violate I regulations or laws before getting into court. But it is not always essary to defy a local law (and risk punishment) in order to assert a titutional right. Last year, the Philadelphia Resistance, a group of ng war resisters, were forbidden to hold a rally at Kennedy Plaza, rge downtown public square. The Plaza had frequently been used other public events, but the Fairmount Park Commissioners made it r that Resistance was not welcome because of its views and purposes. ial of the right of assembly for such a reason is, of course, uncontional. Represented by an ACLU lawyer, Resistance got an order the U.S. District Court compelling the Fairmount Park Commission grant a permit. The rally took place peacefully and was regarded as reat success by its promoters. Resistance is smart; while it reserves itself the moral right to break the Selective Service law and counsels ers to do so (and we need not now pass judgment on this attitude), oes not write off all laws as useless and the courts as hopeless. Thus orks for social change WITHIN the law where possible. nother example is Mr. Baker of Tennessee. I do not know who Mr.

er is, and neither does anyone else outside his immediate circle, but will go down in history as the Baker of Baker v. Carr, the famous Su-

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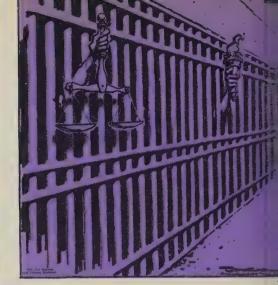
preme Court decision of 1962 establishing the one-man-one-vote princi Mr. Baker went to court to argue that he was being denied his constional right to "equal protection of the laws" because of the way in with the Tennessee legislature was elected. Residents in the cities had fewer state representatives per thousand population than did the coupeople. Thus the legislature was stacked against the cities. The Suppose Court decided that Baker was right and that ALL state legislatures reapportion themselves so that every voter has roughly equal power. decision (which Chief Justice Warren thought the most important durins time on the court) is revolutionizing the composition of almost estate legislature. Undue power IS being cut down without guns or relution, because Mr. Baker invoked the courts and Constitution. A result of this decision and others built on it, the influence of urban area state capitals is growing, and with it our nation's capacity to handle crisis of the cities, thus possibly avoiding chaos and violent revolution.

In these cases, aggrieved individuals have used the processes of law to force peaceful change, the courts have been willing to do the duty and—in most of the instances—the offending bureaucrats be obeyed the courts. This is how the system ought to work. It works as long as everybody is willing to play by the rules. At the Chicago spiracy trial there was a breakdown because NOBODY wanted to play



rules, neither the prosecution, nor the defense, nor the court itself. ainly those in power, even more than those who seek power, must the law. Indeed, it is usually the lawlessness of government and the sional cowardice of the courts that drive the dissenter to lawlessness. group of peace demonstrators in Philadelphia, for example, planned old a rally outside a Congressman's house in April of 1968. They forbidden by the Philadelphia police to do so, on the grounds that was an emergency in the city justifying a ban on all demonstrations. pacifists promptly asked the federal court to rule on the constitutionof the ban. Several judges refused to consider the case before the onstration was scheduled although there was sufficient time for a ing. As a result, the demonstrators went ahead with their plan, arrested and put in the position of lawbreakers, although they had quite willing to have the court decide the issue ahead of time. were convicted of illegally congregating, and two years later their was still before the U.S. Supreme Court. This is an example of the re of the law through the cowardice of the courts. ere are many other examples, particularly the refusal of the courts

onsider serious arguments against the constitutionality of the draft the legalityof the war. In a number of cases, objectors have tried efend themselves against charges of violating the draft law or the



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Code of Military Justice by arguing that the draft is unconstitutional that the war is illegal. These powerful arguments, if sustained, we be a good legal defense for those who refuse to be drafted or to go Vietnam. Yet the courts have consistently refused to rule on these fenses. Then the resister—not the courts—are denounced for having respect for law and order, although it is the resister who has tried invoke the law.

It is not only the draft and the war which are beyond the reach of law in our society. The police are frequently in the same category. Every pear hundreds and thousands of our citizens are abused, or think they abused, by the police, through illegal searches, rudeness, harassment, brutality. For reasons too complex to explain here—but which I hope write about in a later article—it is extremely difficult for these per to get their day in court. Thus questionable police conduct continues checked, citizen resentment grows, and with it defiance of even legitime police authority.

Indeed it is government lawlessness and unresponsiveness that is coming elements of the non-whites, the peace movement, and the youth this country toward disrespect, violence, and revolution. Government derives its power from the consent of the governed. If the time ever convent the government was completely unresponsive to the governed, we

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of be-and should it not be-overthrown? In my opinion, we are NOT hat point now, but the warning signs are clearly visible in some areas. o anti-establishment forces I would offer this warning: TRY the procs of law before you decide that power grows only from the barrel gun. You may be pleasantly surprised at what can be accomplished. a grave matter to conclude that society must be brought down in s before changes can be accomplished. First, there is the likelihood failure. If a showdown comes, the revolutionaries will probably lose. 't forget that the establishment has more and bigger guns than the els, and is ready to use them. Many of the SDS types who preach inevitability of revolution are living in a romantic dreamworldseem to think that their own willingness to use force guarantees that will succeed. Secondly, a violent revolution—even if successful—can ep away what is good and old, along with what is bad and old. Among casualties may be the very concept of the supreme law that keeps the e from interfering with the freedom without which life would be unrable.

er Coxe is Executive Director of the Greater Philadelphia Branch of the American Civil Liberties 1. The views he expresses in this article are not necessarily those of his organization or YOUTH zine. Mr. Coxe would welcome correspondence with readers of YOUTH magazine on their opinions is article. He may be addressed in care of this magazine.

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MORE ON "PEACE" ISSUE . . .

I have just finished reading your special peace issue of YOUTH (March 15-29) and I'd like to say two things: Wow! and Right on!!

Your magazine has always spoken loudly to me since I first began receiving it in Sunday School. Now that I have been away to college I get to see it only on home visits. It is still heavy stuff. You do not reinforce my prejudices. You come across with a social (i.e. Christian) action ethic that is beautiful, difficult, simple and complex, and it all begins with me.

Thank you for dealing straight.

-J.C., West Point, Nebr.

My young people felt the issue on Peace was the greatest yet!

-R.F., Worcester, Mass.

I picked up my son's copy of your issue on "Peace" and was astonished, and very hurt, to think that our church in the name of Christianity is trying to force their political views on our young people. Please read Philippians 4:4-7. This is peace.

I find the "peace" you are putting forth to our young boys and girls will only bring them under dictatorship many of them have brothers, uncles, and fathers already in the war fighting for

treedom

Nations have trouble because of sin in the civilization; we all realize this. If the Church is to be saved among sinful men, Christ must be taught and preached to young as well as the old. Jesus is the barrier-breaker between all people (Ephesians 2: 13-18).

Jesus taught there would be wars and rumors of wars until the end of time (Mark 13:7). I'm sure God doesn't approve of war, but he knows our human nature better than we do, and his has always proved Jesus right.

Our Lord did not die to solve economic, racial, or any of the nother social issues of our world. It had been born for this purpose, he whave been an earthly King, which Jews expected.

The Church is for our spiritual mand for the saving of the soul. If we the Church would teach that Go in everything regardless of whether is going our way—for God lets seemingly have his way for a while, in the end God's will is always victor.

Our children should be taught that is bad—any of it, but the only unforce sin is not believing in God and his —Mrs. J.D., Pane

YOUTH for March 15-29 has today, April 16, 1970—and is just for any day! Please send three copies of the issue and one print or peace poster.

-C.C., Littleton, N.H. (ag

The Peace issue is good. Keep g —S.N., Tacoma,

When a friend showed me your sp
"peace" issue, I was so stirred that
impelled to want a subscription for m
and for my best friend. I really
the magazine is one of the most wo
ful and touching I have encountered
—B.F., La Crescenta,

AGREE TO DISAGREE

I do not always agree with you, like your attitude. For example, you letters that are critical of you and don't get defensive by printing you comments to such letters. (In fact, times I wished you'd fight back.)

I like when you print opinions of high school kids on different queelt's good to know what others my are thinking. How do you pick kids? (EDITOR'S NOTE: Just writtell us you'd like to be on our 'YO'

ntact" list to receive regular mailings questionnaires from which we select our stes for publication. We have over 400 h school youth on our contact list now.) Jon't let my disagreeing with you be en as a negative criticism, because I nk it's good to disagree once in a le. We both learn something. I do.

—A.K., Richmond, Ind.

DULTS SPEAK OUT

At our recent church council meeting. March I issue of YOUTH, containing article "Albuquerque Youth Speak t," was brought to our attention. Foling a lengthy discussion, the Council it on record as being opposed to the tion on pages six and seven (Youth ak Out), particularly to the references sted "On Making the Pill Available to inagers." The concensus was that such tements, unaccompanied by opinions of nore mature nature, may have deleteis effects on some of our younger nagers (junior high age) who take te seriously the opinions of youth a older than they.

We are concerned that the past exent quality of YOUTH (for which we grateful) will be impaired if there is a more careful screening of opinions ch, while held by many, have no real tribution to make toward a legitimate lerstanding of a problem. We believe, short, that there is a difference been "reflecting opinion" which has some ic flaws, and "forming opinion" which trains seeds for healthy growth and lerstanding. In this case we feel you y have hindered, not helped, young ople in that process.

-E.K., Kenton, Ohio

.AD WE'VE CONTINUED

OUTH is fantastic and the kids love it. had to explain to the Consistory about article about Cuba last spring, but the went to bat for the magazine and were allowed to continue to receive just great! Thanks so much.

-D.W., Falmouth, Mass.

Coming in YOUTH . . .

· Draft director interviewed

To clear up questions about the Selective Service System, YOUTH talked with its new director, Dr. Curtis Tarr.

· "Far-out chick" in Atlanta

Tired of the suburbs, she helps in drug education in the long-hair community.

• Is "Peace Ship" practical?

Why an Israeli peacemaker's ship failed to win support while anchored in New York harbor.

Joy of being youthful

High school youth tell of the agony and the ecstacy of growing up in today's world.

Johnny Cash visited

Will this popular country-and-western singer become the new John Wayne?

· Girl studies to be rabbi

Importance of religion in contemporary life inspires her to write new liturgies for youth.

Cesar Chavez dreams

In an exclusive interview, leader of farm workers describes his faith, his dreams, and his concerns.

· Are youth religious?

A YOUTH-sponsored poll reveals some enlightening insights.

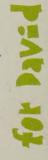
Best teen writing

Winners in YOUTH's 1970 Creative Arts Competition will begin appearing in the August issue.

In the works:

Special emphases in YOUTH magazine dealing with draft, college, drugs, ecology, images of Christ, contemporary worship, and the United Nations.

And the hills that we know will remain for you And the little willow green will grow firm The flowers that we planted through the seasons past Will all bloom on the day you return To a baby at play all a mother can say He'll return on the wind to our hearts and 'til then I will sit and I'll wait by the stony gate And the little one neath the trees will dance.



Drawing by Joan Baez Harris in a letter to her husband, David, in prison. Remomber that meadow near Freeno?

Words from "Song for David" by Joan Baez @ 1969 Robbins/Chandos Music Co.